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A NATIVE OF CHICAGO, TURNER GRADUATED FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY AS A CLASSMATE OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND WAS LATER A RHODES SCHOLAR BEFORE RISING RAPIDLY TO SENIOR RANK AND MAJOR COMMAND IN THE NAVY.

SINCE COMING TO THE CIA, TURNER HAS BECOME A CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE BECAUSE HE FORCED SOME 500 VETERAN EMPLOYEES OUT OF THE AGENCY IN A HOUSE-CLEANING DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE CIA'S PUBLIC STANDING AND EFFICIENCY IN THE WAKE OF A SERIES OF SCANDALS.

CRITICS HAVE ACCUSED HIM OF UNDERMINING CIA MORALE AND HARMING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE.

HETU SAID TURNER HAD INFORMED HIS STAFF OF HIS INTENTION TO RETIRE FROM THE NAVY AS OF DEC. 31; BUT THAT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OR CEREMONY WAS PLANNED.

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(STANSFIELD TURNER)

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WASHINGTON (UPI) - CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER IS RESIGNING HIS ADMIRAL'S COMMISSION IN THE NAVY DEC. 31 BUT WILL REMAIN AS HEAD OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, A SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE MOVE WILL ALLOW TURNER, 54, TO COLLECT A \$20,000 YEARLY PENSION IN ADDITION TO HIS \$57,500 SALARY AS CIA CHIEF.

AGENCY SPOKESMAN HERBERT HETU, ALSO A NAVY VETERAN, SAID TURNER HAD BEEN CONSIDERING LEAVING ACTIVE DUTY FOR SOME MONTHS.

BY RETIRING BEFORE JAN. 10, HOWEVER, TURNER AVOIDS COMING UNDER A NEW LEGAL PROVISION THAT WILL END THE PRACTICE OF "DOUBLE-DIPPING" - COLLECTING A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT SALARY AT THE SAME TIME AS A MILITARY PENSION. THAT LOOPHOLE WILL BE CLOSED JAN. 10 FOR ALL ARMED FORCES OFFICERS RETIRING AFTER THAT DATE.

WHEN TURNER TOOK THE CIA JOB LAST YEAR, HE DID SO ON CONDITION THAT HE REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE NAVY.

PENTAGON SOURCES SAID OTHER TOP MILITARY JOBS TO WHICH HE MIGHT HAVE ASPIRED - SUCH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS OR SUPREME NATO COMMANDER - HAVE EITHER ALL BEEN FILLED IN RECENT MONTHS OR THEIR PRESENT OCCUPANTS GIVEN AN EXTENSION.

TURNER'S REGULAR PENSION AS A FULL ADMIRAL WITH 30 YEARS SERVICE WOULD BE \$35,624 A YEAR. UNDER DOUBLE-DIPPING RULES HE CAN COLLECT ONLY \$20,212 OF THAT SO LONG AS HE HOLDS A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT POST, THE PENTAGON SAID.

HETU DESCRIBED AS UNTRUE REPORTS PRESIDENT CARTER WAS CONSIDERING REPLACING TURNER AS INTELLIGENCE CHIEF BECAUSE OF CIA FAILURE TO FORECAST ANTI-SHAH TURMOIL IN IRAN.

TURNER ALSO CAME UNDER FIRE FROM MEMBERS OF THE CIA ITSELF FOR HIS "HALLOWEEN MASSACRE" LAST YEAR WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT MORE THAN 800 AGENCY VETERANS WOULD BE LET GO OR RETIRED PREMATURELY AS PART OF AN EFFICIENCY CAMPAIGN.

THE CIA DIRECTOR DEFENDED THE DECISION SAYING THE AGENCY WAS OVERSTAFFED FROM VIETNAM DAYS, THAT TECHNICAL MEANS WERE REPLACING THE TRADITIONAL CLOAK-AND-DAGGER OPERATIVE AND THAT THE DECKS HAD TO BE CLEARED FOR YOUNGER MEN COMING UP FROM THE RANKS.

CRITICS IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SAID WHILE SPY-IN-THE-SKY SATELLITES COULD DETECT THE MOVEMENTS OF EVEN INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS THEY COULD NOT SUPPLY THEIR MOTIVATION OR ORDERS OR THE INTENTIONS AND BATTLE PLANS OF THEIR GENERALS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

HUMAN SPIES WERE NEEDED FOR THAT, THEY SAID.

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